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FOR SCHLAUDEMANN FROM JOVA

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MEETING OF PRESIDENT-ELECT LOPEZ PORTILLO
WITH PRESIDENT FORD

REF STATE 177768

1. WHILE LUERS WAS HERE (AND PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL), WE DISCUSSED SUBJECT MEETING INFORMALLY WITH ENRIQUE LOAEZA, STAFF MEMBER AND CLOSE CONFIDANT OF LOPEZ PORTILLO. LOAEZA TOLD US THAT HIS CHIEF WAS ENTHUSIASTIC AT PROSPECT, BUT SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO SPEAK OF PRECISE DATES UNTIL AFTER LOPEZ PORTILLO'S ELECTION HAD BEEN CONFIRMED BY SENATE AT WHICH TIME HE WOULD "EXIST CONSTITUTIONALLY". SUCH CONFIRMATION WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL MID-SEPTEMBER AND ACCORDINGLY IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CONTEMPLATE DATES FOR VISIT IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER. HE ASKED SPECIFICALLY WHEN U.S. ELECTIONS WERE TO TAKE PLACE AND SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE WELL TO REVIEW THE PRECEDENTS FOR THE VISITS OF OTHER PRESIDENT-ELECTS OF MEXICO AS THIS WOULD BE USEFUL GUIDE.

2. SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL, I SPOKE AGAIN TO LOAEZA YESTERDAY, GIVING HIM THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DEPT'S MESSAGE. IN REPLY TO LOAEZA'S QUESTION, I TOLD HIM THAT THE DATE OF ECHEVERRIA'S VISIT AS PRESIDENT-ELECT HAD BEEN NOVEMBER 11 AND THAT DIAZ ORDAZ
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HAD VISITED PRESIDENT JOHNSON AT LBJ RANCH ON NOVEMBER 12.

HE SAID HE WOULD CONSULT WITH LOPEZ PORTILLO AND WOULD
BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH US AS TO POSSIBLE TIME FRAMES.
HE SUGGESTED THAT WHEN WE ARE READY TO EXTEND DEFINITE
INVITATION ON BASIS OF AGREED TIME FRAME, INVITATION
BE TRANSMITTED DIRECTLY TO LOPEZ PORTILLO THROUGH HIS
STAFF BUT AS A COURTESY WE SIMULTANEOUSLY INFORM
PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA.
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